


### Remarks

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's telephone call on May 13, 2003 in which the Examiner stated that he will require the applicant to elect claims directed to either the method (Invention Group I, claims 1-8) or the article (Invention Group II, claims 9-23). The applicant hereby elects Invention Group II without traverse. Invention Group II includes article claims 9-23.

Claims 9-12, 14-17 and 19-22 have been amended for clarification, consistency and readability. No new matter has been added. Text that has been added is underlined.

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended prior to issuance of the first office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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